



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1910.

PRIVILEGES OF FRIENDSHIP.

To be told when to go home.
To be told when to stay home.
To be joked about his personal appearance.
To hear both sides of the family quarrel separately.
To agree with both sides of the family quarrel when heard separately.
To hear the completion of the family quarrel that he wishes his arrival had interrupted.
To stay at home and take care of the children while the other guests are taken driving.
To make himself at home in the library without having been given the key to the book shelves.
To be reminded of his youthful flirtations in the presence of new and entertaining young women.
To walk from the station in rainy weather because it is so bad for the family horses to be out in the rain.
To be given a small room in the attic so that the spare chamber may be ready for possible but unexpected company.

CONVERSATION.

Conversation is one of the blights of civilization.
The art of conversation is a lost one and the art of keeping still demands cultivation.
As a consequence the women talk about cooks and clothes, and the men about weather and women.
Conversation may be divided into chats, arguments, piffle and palaver, with gossip and quarrels as side issues.
The trouble is that were we to try to develop the art of keeping still we should immediately begin to talk about it.
People spend thousands of dollars in education, in books, in travel, in theater tickets and all that in order to be able to carry on a conversation.
Conversations are fortunately forgotten as soon as they are over, otherwise people would be so mortified over their inane remarks that they would seek new friends every day. The idea that when people meet it is necessary for them to talk has grown out of helpless self-distrust. Not over five out of a million people say anything when they converse.—Life.

POLAR PROVERBS.

All's not a pole that glitters.
He poles best who poles last.
Too many Cooks spoil the pole.
There's no pole like a north pole.
Where there's a pole, there's a way.
Uneasy lies the man who finds the pole.
It's an ill wind that blows nobody north.
Polar communications corrupt good manners.
A friend at the pole is worth two in the bush.
A discoverer is known by the company he keeps.
One dash for the pole makes the whole world kin.
A good claim is rather to be chosen than great riches.
Don't count your records before they are watched.—Carolyn Wells in Judge.

SOME SUPERSTITIONS.

Pass me salt, pass me sorrow.
To find a horseshoe in the road is a sign of good luck.
If you dream of snakes it is a sign you have an enemy.
It is a sign you are going to be rich if you tumble upstairs.
Six weeks after you hear the first katydid look for the frost.
The bones of rheumatic persons ache when a storm is brewing.
Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Learn to rise early.
Learn to eat slowly.
Learn to retire early.
Learn to love the open air.

Learn to rest at odd moments.
Learn to eat one hearty meal a day.
Learn to look at things from another's point of view.
ANVIL SPARKS.
A sober husband makes a full larder.
A bad man can never own anything that is fireproof.
The bearer of good news always has a pleasant voice.
No king can rule others who is not master of himself.

Indecision is a robber with a dagger under his cloak.
If your life is not a blessing to others, it will curse you.
The man whose god is money never has any mercy on himself.
The lazy man always believes there is no hill which is not steep.
It is not hard to please God when we devote all our time to it.
It is hard to understand how a grateful man can be a stingy one.

The man who is not honest in his religion is not to be trusted in a horse trade.
Living without a plan is as foolish as going to sea without a compass on the ship.
Don't have much to say about how bad you have been until you have gotten entirely over it.

It would make everybody richer to know what God is to you. If you have been born of the Spirit.—Exchange.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Ideals live only as we strive toward them.
The fad of one cannot be the faith of all.
Heaven sends some burdens just for ballast.
A pious eloquence is not always an eloquent piety.
There never was an argument equal to an affection.
People who are rich in heart never put their money there.
Often the clock that strikes loudest is farthest off the time.
The pleasures of folly never come up to the promise of the pictures.

A chilly manner is not the best preparation for a warmer climate.
The habit of prayer can get to mean as little as the habit of profanity.

One trouble with the grave stone ticket to glory is that it is printed too late.

Some men believe you cannot enjoy life's berries unless you eat its briars.

Religion is a poor thing if you never enjoy it till you get into trouble.

It is always easier to straighten out the truth than it is to line up with it.—Chicago Tribune.

MUSINGS OF THE OFFICE BOY

De dead easy chap is hard to get along with.
It's all right for man to be alone if he's watched close enough.
De boss works when he feels like it. Dat's when we work—when he feels like it.
Leave it to a girl for winnin' her point, or throwin' the point on the floor an' steppin' on it.
Don't you believe it; a barkin' dog will bite all right if he thinks he can get out of the way of a No. 9 boot.
De elevator kid may have his ups and downs, but he wants to remember he's gettin' his passage paid both ways.

Always Losing His Boat.

A colored man calling himself, "Captain John E. Simpson" and at times sailing under other names has been persistently swindling both white and colored people in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Phoebus. His plan has been to represent that he has money in a colored bank in this city. He gets his victim to write to John Mitchell, Jr., President and tell him to send him six hundred and fifty dollars or some like amount at once to the person who is writing the letter or advancing him a small sum of money until he has gotten his money from Richmond.

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Keep clear of Captain John E. Simpson or anybody who looks like him.

Gems In Verse

LONELY.
THERE'S a train of cars left standing
By my reading chair tonight,
And an army needs commanding.
It is lined up for a fight.
There's a dolly soundly sleeping
On the couch where it was left,
But a lonely watch I'm keeping,
For the old home seems bereft.

There's a tumbled cap still lying
On the floor where it was thrown.
In the kitchen Sport is trying
To get comfort from a bone,
But he quits it oft to wander
To my side and sniff my hand.
Even dogs, I think, can ponder
When they do not understand.

It is so still and quiet
And so empty now in here!
Gone is all their merry riot
And their ringing shouts of cheer.
Even the Teddy bear sits solemn
In a grave and stolid way.
Just as though he'd like to call 'em—
Call 'em back again to play.

There are times when I have scolded
And have checked them, but tonight
Were these arms about them folded
I should count their noise delight.
Oh, I'd like some more to kiss them
And to romp with them in play.
Bless the children! How we miss them
Through the weeks they are away!

—Detroit Free Press.

THE WOMAN'S PORTION.
FROM the coast of Brittany
Fisher fleets stand out to sea,
Golden in the sunshine gilding,
Watched by loved ones tenderly.

FROM their cruel caverns rushing,
Down the storm winds sweep and
For the moment whispered prayer,
Grind the fleet in maddened crushing!

FROM the coast of Brittany
Fisher wives peer out to sea,
Hearing in the surf's wild roaring
Screams of shipwrecked agony.

THUS forever will it be
With the tollers of the sea,
Fear and dread the woman's portion,
Fear and dread and tragedy!

—Thomas Quinn Beasley.

NEW STATES.
TWO new stars soon to join the rest
That shine upon our flag:
Two new states with power and wealth
To prove that we do not lag.

In the nation's march with the world today,
But that, youngest of the great,
We've passed the oldest of them all,
And foremost is our state!

The ones that came to the Union first
Found a nation weak and small,
Struggling with a mighty foe
To break its fetters' thrall.

With all it held staked on that throw
Against the force of might,
Its only strength above that force
Its consciousness of right.

The two that came to the Union now
Find a nation vast and strong,
Rich and free, with power to fight
And conquer foreign wrong.

A nation grown from those first few states,
Where its life sternly broke,
As the hidden strength in the acorn small
Spreads out in the mighty oak.

—Josh Wink.

THE WRONG ROAD.
WE walked along the placid ways
Of sweet content and simple things,
And far before us stretched the days,
Quiet as birds with folded wings.

And then we came to a fork in the road,
And I gave me back that time before,
Ere love drove friendship from the door!
The first look in friendship's eye.

AND now in one stupendous dream
We wander through the purple glades,
Which love has tinted with the gleam
Of wonderful, enchanting shades.

For I would give it all away
For those dear hours of friendship's day.
—Eleanor Ester.

A LOST INSPIRATION.
EATEN one day at the mirror,
I was weary of rats and puffs,
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the curls and ruffs.

I know not what I was building
Or what I was mimicking,
But I struck a sort of cologne
Like the head of an Aztec king.

It flooded my brow and temples
In a most expansive way,
And I lay on my cushion
Like an overweight ton of hay.

It fell into puffy billows,
Like that foolish old silk floss,
It seemed a harmonious jumble
Of excelsior and moss.

It linked all my marcel wavings
Into one humpy heap,
Then coiled in a roly polly,
Like a kitten going to sleep.

I have sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one cologne so fine
That came from the head of an Aztec
And decorated mine.

It may be in some shop window
That style I can yet procure,
And it may be that only in Juja
I shall find that grand cologne.

—Carolyn Wells in Life.

A WARNING.
NO chance can ravish from thy resolute grasp
One greatest good; no power can break
Thy clasp.
Only thyself, stooped to ignoble quest,
May cheat thee of the will to seek the best.

—Century Magazine.

A PRAYER.
TEACH me, Father, how to go
Softly as the grasses grow,
Hush my soul to meet the shock
Of the wild world with a rock.

—Edwin Markham.

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